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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of
the following co-pending U.S. Application:

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The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application is identical to the present application, and thus is believed to be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

The above-listed co-pending application and the present application were inadvertently filed as duplicate divisional applications, due to an administrative oversight by Applicant's Representative. The listed co-pending application will be allowed to go abandoned by failure to respond to an outstanding Official Action.

Copies of the cited U.S. patent application (specification, claims, and the drawings), including any claims directed to that portion are not attached hereto, as the disclosure is identical to the disclosure of the present application.

The above-listed co-pending application is not to be construed as prior art. By bringing the above-listed application to the attention of the Examiner, Applicants do NOT waive any confidentiality concerning the above-listed co-pending application(s) or this application. See MPEP § 101. Furthermore, if said application(s) should not mature into patents, such application(s) should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to CBLH Deposit Account No. 02-0185 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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